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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment on hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady to firm. Light volume of hens sold for immediate shipment at steady price levels of 73 cents. Offerings continue light and held with confidence. Movement for meats and parts continue slow and cautious. Limited trading of mechanically separated turkey and breast meat within previously quoted levels.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand generally slow, most interest showing for drums and thighs going to Asia and Mexico. Mexico and Russian inquiry remained good on mechanically separated turkey.

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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	71	71.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	73	73.00	240	77.00	40	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.
3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 AUGUST 1999.

Trade sentiment steady at best on fresh tom breast meat with some choosing to sell fresh production at slight discounts and in turn defrost frozen production presently in storage to satisfy internal needs. Trading activity continues to center on tom drums for export with the balance of items consisting mostly of spot and part loads. Some people noting inquiry from Russia on mechanically separated turkey. Grade A non-basted breasts: 8-10 lb. (part load) 115, 12-14 lb. (1.50 loads) 130 cents delivered. For export: defatted gizzards (1 container) 74 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	98.00		98.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-23.00		21.33	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	16.00	130
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	17.75	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00		20.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	21.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	45.00	3
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	13
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	188.00		188.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	51.43	280
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	56.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	76.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	160.27	88
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	175.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	67.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.00-19.00		17.11	536
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	15.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	18.00	208
TAILS		F	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00-59.00		57.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	92-94
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	76-79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	76-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 AUGUST 1999 .

Undertone steady at best on fresh tom breast meat with spot weakness noted, frozen steady to barely steady, destrapped tenderloins at least steady. Frozen thigh meat trade sentiment steady to firm with continued light to good inquiry noted. However, trading volumes on frozen thigh meat not as active when compared to previous weeks with some saying the slowing is due to plants being sold out from previous made sales. Undertone steady to firm on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts with trading noted on frozen private label basted-netted-timed (1 load) 103 delivered mid-September and packer label (6 loads) 105 cents delivered October.

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WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	45.00	3
NECKS, TOM		T	16.00	13
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	186.00-191.00		188.44	500
THIGH MEAT		F	51.43	280
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	50.50		50.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	76.00	40
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 8/18/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1999-2000	-	45,549	45,549
1999-2000	-	34,325	34,325

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